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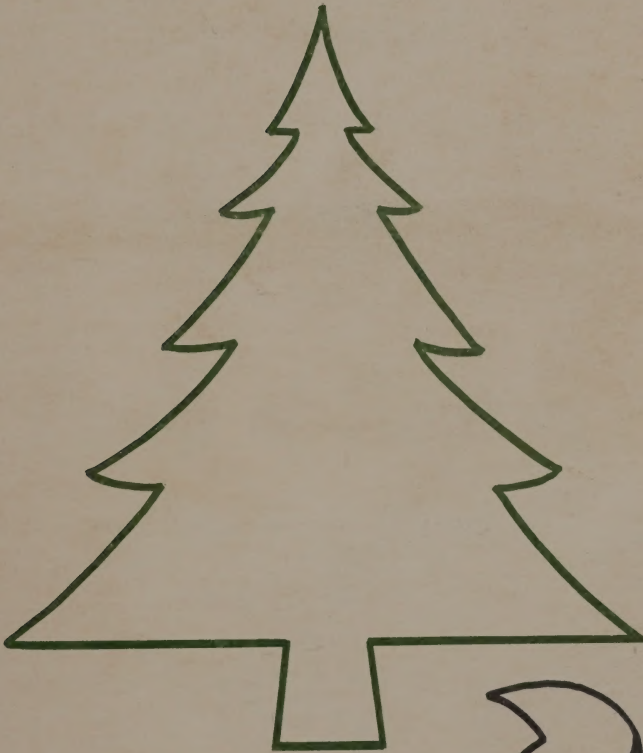
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OF

**BENTON**

**1967**

YEAR ENDING  
FEBRUARY 10<sup>th</sup>

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ANNUAL

REPORT



Annual Report  
OF THE  
Selectmen  
Tax Collector  
AND  
Treasurer  
OF THE  
Town of Benton  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
FEBRUARY 10,  
1967

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## TOWN OF BENTON

### *In Memoriam*



RALPH B. PILLSBURY, SR.

Member of Legislature 1925  
County Commissioner 1926-32  
Chairman, County Commissioners 1930-32  
State Senator 1933-34; 1935-36  
Trustee, Kennebec Water District 1937-47; 1957-66  
Member Board of Education 1920; 1928-36  
Member Elementary School Building Committee  
Postmaster Benton Station 1910-26  
Golden Sheaf Member, 50 yr., Benton Grange

## Town Government 1966-1967

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Town Clerk & Registrar .....	Mrs. Dorothy Hunter
Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of Poor .....	
	<i>Chairman</i> , Wilson H. Shores
	Samuel H. Hunter
	<i>Secretary</i> , Clayton S. Alexander
Tax Collector & Treasurer .....	Chester E. Basford
Road Commissioner .....	Kelsey D. Robinson
Deputy Sheriff .....	Samuel H. Hunter
Superintendent of Schools .....	Orville J. Guptill, Jr.
School Directors, District No. 49 .....	Stanley Shores, 1 yr.
	Osborne Ellis, 2 yrs.
	Mrs. Leta Young, 3 yrs.
Health Officer .....	Sherwin Colson
Dog Constable .....	Sherwin Colson
Truant Officer .....	Samuel H. Hunter
Fire Warden .....	Samuel H. Hunter
Constables .....	Omah Lord
	Sherwin Colson
	Richard Charity
Cemetery Committee .....	Mrs. Pearl Strickland, Treas., 1 yr.
	Amos Bodge, 2 yrs.
	David Germon, 3 yrs.
	Henry Martin, 4 yrs.
	Kelsey Robinson, 5 yrs.
	the Town Clerk, Sec'y
Plumbing Inspector .....	Joseph Buzzell



Civil Defense Chairman ..... Mrs. Helen Richards

Fence Viewers ..... Robert Perry

Ivan Richards

Stanley Bickford

Sealer, Weights & Measures ..... James Flewelling

Sewerage Survey Committee ..... Osborne Ellis

Robert Perry

the Selectmen

Budget Committee:

Alexander, Clayton

Basford, Chester

Beauregard, Stephen

Brown, Arthur

Colson, Sherwin

Faas, John

Fitzpatrick, Merle

Fitzpatrick, Glenn

Goodwin, Horace

Hawes, Lyle

Hunter, Samuel

Kent, Charles, Jr.

Larracey, Robert

Libby, Lawrence

Littlefield, Lindley

Martin, Henry

Perry, Robert

Pillsbury, Parker

Richards, David

Robinson, Kelsey

Roy, Ivan

Shores, James

Shores, Wilson

Spencer, Gerald

Strickland, Cecil

Wyman, Edgar



## *Treasurer's Report*

For the year ending February 10, 1967

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Cash on hand February 11, 1966	\$ 6,252.60
Elwin F. Libby, cemetery trust fund	200.00
Charles & Bertha Richardson, cemetery trust fund	100.00
George M. Fish, cemetery trust fund	200.00
Federal Trust Co., Smiley-Lunt Fund interest	40.82
Cemetery Trust Funds, interest withdrawn	422.28
Town of Lowell, poor account bills	13.29
Town of Howland, poor account bills	758.89
LaVerdiere's Drug Stores, rent of schoolhouse	100.01
Richard Flewelling, refund N. D. E. A.	100.00
Junk Yard Permits, fees	64.00
Payments for Culverts	161.46
Sale of Benton Station School Building	2,100.00
R. B. Pillsbury, III, Memorial Scholarship Fund	36.13
Writing Deeds, Etc.	15.00
1963 Tax Liens Paid	14.19
1964 Tax Liens Paid	136.15
1965 Tax Liens Paid	567.86
Tax Liens Costs and Discharges	63.30
Interest on past due Taxes	136.11
Employees Withholding Taxes	323.92
Depositors Trust Co., tax anticipation note	20,000.00
State of Maine, all accounts	9,198.81
Chester E. Basford, Tax collections	82,980.36
Chester E. Basford, Excise tax collections	20,124.58
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Total Funds Available	\$144,109.76
Total Selectmen's Warrants Paid	128,361.94
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Cash on hand February 11, 1967	\$ 15,747.82

## Unpaid Tax Liens Held by Treasurer:

## 1963 Tax Liens \*

Bennett, Keith	\$	11.80
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## 1964 Tax Liens \*

Bennett, Keith	\$	11.90
Cowan, Barbara		47.60
Rowe, Maurice O.		17.85

## 1965 Tax Liens

Bennett, Keith	\$	11.20
Dodge, Laura Mae		33.60
Nelson, Rodney & Donna		33.60
Rowe, Maurice O.		16.80
Towne, Roy V.		448.37
Wood, Ordell		37.80

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Total of Unpaid Tax Liens Held by Treasurer	\$	670.52
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\*Expired

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER E. BASFORD, *Treasurer*

## *Tax Collector's Report*

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Amount of Commitment for 1966	\$84,500.90
Plus Supplemental Taxes	49.00
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	\$84,549.90
Amount of 1966 Taxes Collected, Paid to Treasurer	<hr/>
	\$80,580.78
Balance 1966 Taxes Uncollected Feb. 11, 1967	<hr/>
	\$ 3,969.12*

*\* As Listed*

Adams Arthur L.	\$ 40.00
Adams, Leon N. & Jeane E.	40.00
Burke, Edward Jr.	3.00
Brown, Edwin P.	5.00
Brown, Nina	29.00
Buker, Harold & Esther	10.00
Buker, Roger I.	23.00
Carr, Lawrence	8.00
Carter, Hillman	30.00
Chamberlain, Almon Jr.	58.00
Cheney, Winfield	8.00
Coates, Dale	43.00
Cowan, Barbara	45.00
Cowan, Colin	3.00
Crawford, Curtis & Wilberta	38.00
Cunningham, Maxwell	8.00
**Cyr, Belomie	8.00
Dodge, Rickie & Byron M.	45.00
Dodge, Laura Mae	30.00
Dudley, Kenneth R.	36.50



Fortier, Wilfred R.	200.50
Fournier, Herbert	8.00
French, Florence	40.00
**Gagnon, Laurier	78.00
**Giroux, Leland Sr.	3.00
Gogan, Gene	33.00
Gogan, John	35.00
Graham, Daniel	95.00
Hillman, Barbara	5.00
Harrison, John E. & Anne S.	30.00
Hood, Vernal Jr.	40.00
Hutton, Faylene	45.00
Kimball, Frances S.	40.00
Knowles, Heirs of Carrie	65.00
LaRochelle, Paul E. & Gloria J.	8.00
Littlefield, Millard	13.02
Lord, Clyde	5.00
McDavid, Bryant C. & Dorothy T.	90.00
McLaughlin, Clayton	70.00
McPhail, Sherwin	8.00
Marquis, Medard	8.50
Maxwell, Merlon	35.00
Morin, Guymine	8.00
Moffatt, Everett W.	42.50
**Nadeau, Gerard	5.00
Nelson, Rodney L. & Donna I.	30.00
Palmer, Frederick A. & Eunice M.	108.00
Pooler, Donald & Judith	8.00
Poulin, Joseph A.	8.00
**Poulin, Norman G. & Patricia G.	98.00
Poulin, Ronald G.	493.00
Richards, David Ivan Jr. & Peggy A.	15.00
Richards, Velma	15.00
Robinson, Eugene	12.60
Rowe, Everett O.	52.50
Rowe, Maurice M. & Doris M.	48.00
Rowe, Maurice O.	18.00
Smith, Walter	55.00
Stuart, Marjorie	5.00
Thibodeau, Vincent	29.32

Thompson, Orlando	83.00
Towne, Roy V.	435.25
Tyler, Clarence Jr.	8.00
Vigue, Richard	8.00
Ware, Walter C.	208.00
Wentworth, Edgar	105.00
Wheeler, Calvin	5.00
Whitley, James F.	33.82
Witham, Dan B.	68.00
**Witham, James & Virginia	150.00
Wood, Ordell	60.00
Wood, Richard A. & Leonette R.	40.00

## NON-RESIDENT

Bennett, Keith W.	10.00
Currier, Paul & Christine	10.00
Esack, Joanne	.11
French, Roy F.	15.00
Hapworth, Neal & Patricia	75.00
Killam, Fred G.	65.00
Labrie, Joseph & Nancy	6.00
Richardson, Kenneth E. & Rosie A.	12.50
Seltzer, William	10.00
Vigue, Louis G.	15.00
Wade, Allen	30.00

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*TOTAL* of 1966 Uncollected Taxes      \$ 3,969.12

\*\* These taxes were paid after books closed Feb. 10, 1967

REPORT OF TAXES UNCOLLECTED  
FOR 1965

Balance of 1965 Taxes Uncollected Feb. 11, 1966	\$ 3,458.11
Plus Supplemental 1965 Taxes	71.20
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	\$ 3,529.31
Amount of 1965 Taxes Collected	\$ 2,361.64
Tax Liens Placed	1,149.23
Uncollected 1965 Taxes as of Feb. 11, 1967	\$ 18.44*
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	\$ 3,529.31

\* *As listed*

Esack, Joanne	\$	.42	
Ladd, Bethal		5.60	
**Poulin, Norman G. & Patricia G.		1.22	
Seltzer, William		11.20	
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	\$		18.44

## REPORT OF TAXES UNCOLLECTED FOR 1964

Balance of 1964 Taxes Uncollected Feb. 11, 1966	\$	133.90	
Plus Supplemental 1964 Taxes		11.90	
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	\$	145.80	
Amount of 1964 Taxes collected		3.00	
Uncollected 1964 Taxes as of Feb. 11, 1967		142.80*	
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	\$	145.80	

\* *As listed*

Mower, James	\$	5.95	
Andrews, Everard		124.95	
Seltzer, William		11.90	
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	\$		142.80

## Supplemental Tax Commitment for 1963

Unpaid	\$	11.80*	
*William Seltzer	\$	11.80	

## Supplemental Tax Commitment for 1962

Unpaid	\$	10.60*	
*Seltzer, William	\$	10.60	

## Supplemental Tax Commitment for 1961

Unpaid	\$	10.20*	
*Seltzer, William	\$	10.20	

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER E. BASFORD, *Tax Collector*



## *Selectmen's Report*

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To the Citizens of Benton :

Your Selectmen take this opportunity for a few words of explanation regarding some of their work:

### *Poor Relief—*

The Selectmen were very fortunate to stay within the budget this year. Through the cooperation of all three selectmen we ended the year with a \$366.45 balance. The welfare case in Burnham continues to be the largest expense.

### *Taxes—*

This year our taxes will increase approximately 10 mills, if the voters follow the budget committee's recommendations. Our S.A.D No. 49 assessment has increased \$17,714.91 over last years assessment. This was caused by an increase in our state valuation \$2,7000,000.00 and the State Bureau of Taxation say that the town is valued at 15% of value. Last year we had almost \$33,000.00 valuation in new property in town and this year there will be a larger increase.

### *Highways—*

Last fall the Town Road Improvement fund was spent on the Richards Road in East Benton, in the amount of \$2,231.89, this section of road should be tarred this year on our State Aid Road Program. The District Engineer has included in his State Aid budget a \$10,000.00 Special to be spent on the Gogan road along with the Town's Anticipation of 1968 State Aid funds, and also the transfer of the T. R. I. money for one year to complete the Gogan Road.

Respectfully,

WILSON H. SHORES

SAMUEL H. HUNTER

CLAYTON S. ALEXANDER

*Selectmen of Benton*

## VALUATION AND ASSESSMENT FOR 1966

Real Estate, Resident	\$422,730.00	
Real Estate, Non-Resident	231,730.00	
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Personal Estate, Resident	\$109,685.00	
Personal Estate, Non-Resident	69,524.00	
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GRAND TOTAL VALUATION		\$833,669.00

Tax Rate, 100 mills

PROPERTY TAX: \$833,669.00 x .100	\$ 83,366.90
POLLS taxed: 378 x \$3.00	1,134.00
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TOTAL ASSESSMENT \$ 84,500.90

## TAXABLE REAL ESTATE:

Value of land	\$318,675.00	
Value of buildings	335,785.00	
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## TAXABLE PERSONAL PROPERTY:

Cattle: Bulls, Cows, Beef	\$ 50,620.00	
Domestic Fowl (over 50)	none	
Broilers, Replacements, and Commercial Layers	22,504.00	
Other livestock:		
Horses, Sheep, Swine	1,260.00	
Stock in Trade	28,750.00	
Portable Mills	100.00	
Gasoline Pumps & Attach.	1,650.00	
Television Sets	20,050.00	
Machinery & Equipment	36,850.00	
House Trailers (not excised)	16,825.00	
Other Property	600.00	
	<hr/>	\$179,209.00

NON-TAXABLE CATTLE (under 18 months) \$ 6,575.00

TAX-EXEMPT PROPERTY:

Of veterans, their widows and minor  
children, and others exempt by law \$ 18,660.00



## *Appropriation*

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As voted at Annual Meeting, March 12th, 1966

<i>Article</i> No.	<i>Account</i>	<i>Appropriation</i>
10	Town Officers	\$ 3,600.00
12	Memorial Day	50.00
23	Cemeteries	500.00
14	Workman's Compensation	200.00
16	Street Lights	1,900.00
17	Incidental Expenses	1,300.00
18	Hydrant Rental & Fire Protect.	6,870.00
20	Public Health Nursing	300.00
23	Dump Site ( <i>Clinton</i> )	500.00
24	Surplus Food Program	600.00
25	Aid to Dependent Children	2,000.00
26	Poor Relief	1,500.00
29	White Pine Blister	400.00
34	State Aid Road Construction	1,332.00
35	Town Highways & Bushes ( <i>\$200 of this for Lawrence St.</i> )	3,000.00
36	Tarring	1,500.00
45	Capital Improvement Fund	2,000.00
50	Kennebec Soil Conservation	25.00
51	Kennebec Mental Health Assoc.	50.00
53	Dry Hydrant at Poulin's	500.00
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		\$ 28,127.00
	S.A.D. No. 49	51,082.26
	County Tax	2,829.00
	Overlay in assessing	2,462.64
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	Total 1966 Tax Commitment	\$84,500.90

*To take from Surplus:*

17	Incidental Expenses	<i>any additional needed</i>
22	Shade Trees	<i>amount needed</i>
24	Surplus Food Program	<i>any balance needed</i>
27	School Admin. District No. 49	\$10,000.00
33	Repair of Bridges	<i>not over \$200.00</i>
36	Tarring	<i>not over \$1,000.00</i>
39	Civil Defense	<i>amount needed</i>
41	Ames Cemetery, addition	<i>amount needed</i>
43	Sewerage Land	<i>not over \$500.00</i>
44	Sewerage financing	<i>not over \$250.00</i>
46	Grader repair & parts	<i>not over \$200.00</i>
49	New Sander	\$860.00
53	Dry Hydrant, at Poulins	<i>not over \$500.00</i>
54	Social Security, employees	<i>amount needed</i>

*To take from Excise Receipts*

27	Interest payments	<i>amount needed</i>
38	Snow plowing & Sanding	<i>amount needed</i>
37	Collector's Excise Comm.	<i>amount needed</i>

Approved by,

DOROTHY HUNTER, *Town Clerk*

## TOWN OFFICERS

## RESOURCES—

Amount appropriated	\$ 3,600.00
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## EXPENDITURES—

Marilyn Chamberlain, <i>Ballot Clerk</i>	\$ 34.00
Evelyn Caverly, <i>Ballot Clerk</i>	20.00
Julia Martin, <i>Ballot Clerk</i>	68.00
Ethelyn Lord, <i>Ballot Clerk</i>	14.00
Pearl Strickland, <i>Ballot Clerk</i>	14.00
Leta Young, <i>Ballot Clerk</i>	40.00
Edna Wood, <i>Ballot Clerk</i>	34.00
Genevieve Carter, <i>Ballot Clerk</i>	40.00
Robert Cosgrove, <i>Ballot Clerk</i>	6.00
Marjorie Cosgrove, <i>Ballot Clerk</i>	6.00
Marion Pillsbury, <i>Ballot Clerk</i>	6.00
Jeannette Moen, <i>Ballot Clerk</i>	6.00
Charles Kent, Jr., <i>Moderator</i>	10.00
Sherwin Colson, <i>Health Officer</i>	25.00
Sherwin Colson, <i>Constable</i>	61.00
Omar Lord, <i>Constable</i>	6.00
Ralph Crosby, <i>Constable</i>	5.00
Wilson Shores, <i>1st Selectman</i>	1,000.00
Samuel Hunter, <i>2nd Selectman</i>	400.00
Clayton Alexander, <i>3rd Selectman</i>	300.00
Dorothy Hunter, <i>Clerk and Registrar</i>	250.00
Chester Basford, <i>Collector and Treas.</i>	1,400.00

Total expended	3,765.00
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Amount overdrawn	\$ 165.00
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## INCIDENTAL EXPENSES

## RESOURCES—

Amount appropriated	\$ 1,300.00
LaVerdiere's, <i>rent, old school</i>	100.01
Benton Elem. School, <i>N.D.E.A.</i>	100.00



Goodwin Farms ,costs of land and deeds	4.00
Raymond Albert, costs of deed	3.00
S.A.D. No. 49, costs of deed	4.00
Junk yard permits	64.00
State of Maine, Bank Stock tax	520.91
State of Maine, Dog tax refunds	26.41
State of Maine, R. R. & Tel. tax	622.56
Costs & Interest, on taxes and liens	203.41

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Total available    \$    2,948.30

## EXPENDITURES—

Kennebec Registry of Deeds, <i>recordings and discharges</i>	\$    74.00
Fairfield Pub. Co., warrants, ballots, <i>tax bills, reports, etc.</i>	880.06
Morning Sentinel, advertisements	31.00
Cosgrove Ins. Agency, officers bonds, <i>insurance on town bldgs.</i>	43.00
Mobile Home Report, tax books	117.00
Marks Printing House, supplies	24.00
Central Maine Power, town hall	102.15
LaVerdiere's, clinic supplies	29.99
Larry's Pharmacy, clinic supplies	46.56
Maine Municipal Assoc., dues	36.87
State Dept. of Audit, 1965 accounts	125.00
Treas. of State, copy of laws	176.00
A. D. Peters, postal expenses	2.50
Discount Martin, file and supplies	88.90
Depositor's Trust Co., safety box	78.92
Branham Pub. Co., excise books	6.00
Berry's, supplies	7.50
Marden, Dubord, Bernier & Chandler,, legal services	6.50
Robert J. Carey Assoc., surveying	10.00
Chester Basford, toll calls, supplies	88.00
Chester Basford, lien placements	2.80
Wilson Shores, postal & tel. exp.	14.00
Wilson Shores, mileage	15.25
Samuel Hunter, mileage	85.00
	35.00

## TOWN OF BENTON

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Clayton Alexander, <i>mileage</i>	22.00	
Dorothy Hunter, <i>supplies</i>	15.00	
Marguerite Basford, <i>book-k'p'g services</i>	300.00	
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Total expended	2,463.00	
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Balance unexpended	\$	485.30

## STREET LIGHTS

## RESOURCES—

Amount appropriated	\$	1,900.00
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## EXPENDITURES—

<i>street lights</i>	\$	1,652.14	
<i>blinker light</i>		96.41	
<i>blinker light repairs</i>		144.93	
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Total expended		1,893.48	
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Balance unexpended	\$	6.52	

## HYDRANT RENTAL AND FIRE PROTECTION

## RESOURCES—

Amount appropriated	\$	6,870.00
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## EXPENDITURES—

Kennebec Water District	\$	1,105.00	
Town of Fairfield		5,750.00	
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Total expended		6,855.00	
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Balance unexpended	\$	15.00	

## FIRE RAMP AT BENTON PROPER

## RESOURCES—

<i>Transfer from Surplus, as voted</i>	\$	11.31
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## EXPENDITURES—

Ralph Crosby, <i>labor</i>	\$	6.12
W. H. Shurtleff, <i>sign</i>		5.19
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Total expended	\$	11.31

## HIGHWAYS AND BUSHES

## RESOURCES—

Amount appropriated	\$	3,000.00
From Wilbert Fortin, <i>culverts</i>		116.42
From Carl Dow, <i>culvert</i>		45.04
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Total available		3,161.46

## EXPENDITURES—

Bancroft & Martin, <i>material</i>	\$	261.23
Harold Buker, <i>labor</i>		16.20
Buzzeds Bus Service, <i>repairs</i>		11.20
Ralph Crosby, <i>labor</i>		84.15
Roy Dow, <i>labor</i>		88.04
Howard F. Fairfield, <i>repairs</i>		15.00
Harold L. Keay & Son, <i>material</i>		10.13
Emery Harrison, <i>labor</i>		86.33
Herman Brown Agency, <i>insurance</i>		59.00
Lee Bros., <i>material</i>		29.50
Libby's Store, <i>supplies</i>		53.75
Millard Littlefield, <i>labor</i>		9.06
Lauris Monk, <i>equip.</i>		5.00
N. E. Metal Culvert Co., <i>culverts</i>		116.42
Merlon Paul, <i>labor, equip.</i>		340.80
Aubert Richards, <i>labor, equip.</i>		305.66

David S. Richards, <i>labor, equip.</i>	60.72	
Merton Richards, <i>labor, equip.</i>	9.50	
Kelsey Robinson, <i>Rd. comm.</i>	219.10	
Maurice Rowe, <i>labor, Rd Comm.</i>	365.37	
W. H. Shurtleff Co., <i>material</i>	171.56	
G. E. Spencer, <i>equip., material</i>	437.04	
Vincent Thibodeau, <i>repairs</i>	25.80	
Warren Bros. Co., <i>material</i>	204.24	
James Whitley, <i>llabor</i>	9.18	
Wood's Market, <i>supplies</i>	19.17	
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Total expended	*	3,013.15
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Balance unexpended	\$	148.31

## \*BREAKDOWN —

<i>Road Commissioner</i>	\$	242.62
<i>Grader work</i>		671.97
<i>General work</i>		2,039.56
<i>Insurance</i>		59.00
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	\$	3,013.15

## SNOW PLOWING AND SANDING

## RESOURCES—

From State of Maine	\$	1,723.80
<i>Transfer</i> from Excise, as voted		6,310.10
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Total available		8,033.90

## EXPENDITURES—

George Abbott, <i>equip.</i>	\$	6.00
Harold Buker, <i>labor</i>		12.42
Robert Buzzell, <i>contract</i>		4,000.00
Buzzell's Service, <i>repairs</i>		7.00
Farrar-Brown, <i>repairs</i>		10.56



Alfred Grenier, <i>labor</i>	3.06
Herman Brown Agency, <i>insurance</i>	89.00
Herbert Johnson, <i>labor</i>	16.56
Motor Supply Co., <i>supplies</i>	4.40
Merlon Paul, <i>labor, equip.</i>	905.46
Merlon Paul, <i>material</i>	51.80
Aubert Richards, <i>labor, equip.</i>	53.76
David Richards, <i>labor, equip.</i>	651.27
Lawson Richards, <i>labor</i>	1.53
Merton Richards, <i>labor, equip.</i>	426.20
Kelsey Robinson, <i>Rd. comm.</i>	134.10
Maurice Rowe, <i>Rd. comm.</i>	44.28
Maurice O. Rowe, <i>labor</i>	4.14
W. H. Shurtleff Co., <i>material</i>	759.83
G. E. Spencer, <i>equip.</i>	310.73
State Highway Comm., <i>maint.</i>	520.80
The Sheridan Corp., <i>material</i>	21.00

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Total expended      \*      \$    8,033.90

*\*BREAKDOWN —*

<i>Road Commissioner</i>	\$    178.38
<i>Sanding:</i>	3,188.97
<i>Plowing Contract:</i>	4,000.00
<i>Hydrants &amp; Sidewalks:</i>	56.68
<i>Insurance:</i>	89.00
<i>State Rd. Maint.:</i>	520.80
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	\$    8,033.90

## TOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENT

### RESOURCES—

Available from State, from 1965	\$    172.62
Available from State 1966	2,203.40
<i>Less:</i> Balance held by State	144.13
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Amount received from State	\$    2,231.89

## EXPENDITURES—

Bancroft & Martin, <i>culverts</i>	\$	164.17
Roy Dow, <i>equip</i>		17.04
Aubert Richards, <i>labor, equip.</i>		142.05
David Richards, <i>labor, equip.</i>		73.44
Kelsey Robinson, <i>Rd. comm.</i>		149.10
Maurice Rowe, <i>labor</i>		48.96
G. E. Spencer, <i>equip., material</i>		1,637.13

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Total expended                      \$    2,231.89

## REPAIR OF BRIDGES

## RESOURCES—

*Transfer from Surplus, as voted*                      \$    145.93

## EXPENDITURES—

C. N. Chalmers, <i>material</i>	\$	42.24
Emery Harrison, <i>labor</i>		29.07
Harold Keay & Son, <i>material</i>		9.10
Aubert Richards, <i>labor,</i>		28.05
Kelsey Robinson, <i>Rd. comm.</i>		8.40
Maurice Rowe, <i>labor</i>		29.07

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Total expended                      \$    145.93

## TARRING

## RESOURCES—

Amount appropriated	\$	1,500.00
<i>Transfer from Surplus, as voted</i>		568.79
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Total available	\$	2,068.79

## EXPENDITURES—

State Highway Commission	\$	2,068.79
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## GRADER REPAIR

## RESOURCES—

<i>Transfer</i> from Surplus, as voted	\$	200.00
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## EXPENDITURES—

Vincent Thibodeau, <i>labor, materials</i>	\$	225.38
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Amount overdrawn	\$	25.38
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## STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

## RESOURCES—

Amount appropriated	\$	1,332.00
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Received from State		2,064.60
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Total available	\$	3,396.60
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## EXPENDITURES—

Applied against 1965 Deferred charge	\$	3,396.60
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NEW BRYANT AUTOMATIC SANDER: purchased from Bryant Steel Works for \$860; cost taken from Surplus, as voted.

## TOWN POOR RELIEF

## RESOURCES—

Amount appropriated	\$	1,500.00
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## Expenditures (on 8 cases) :

Ken Whitten, <i>moving</i>	\$	18.00
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Woods Market, <i>food</i>		97.76
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Peters Gas & Oil Service, <i>fuel</i>		102.13
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A. D. Peters, <i>rent</i>		130.00
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Town of Burnham	91.00	
Central Maine Power Co.	58.23	
Town of Fairfield	44.38	
LaVerdiere's Drug Stores, <i>medical</i>	14.35	
F. E. Patterson, <i>food</i>	293.82	
Dr. H. F. Aldrich	10.00	
Specialty Shoe Store	16.00	
Dr. E. W. Harris	50.00	
J. C. Penny, Inc..	20.67	
Libby's Store, <i>food</i>	49.21	
David S. Richards, <i>fuel</i>	100.00	
Dr. Robert Parker, <i>eye glasses</i>	38.00	
Total expended		1,133.55
Balance unexpended		\$ 366.45

## STATE POOR

## RESOURCES—

Received from State	\$ 1,608.68
<i>Less: Acc. Rec. 2/10/66</i>	147.39
Total available	\$ 1,461.29

## Expenditures — (on 5 cases)

Central Maine Power Co.	\$ 27.19
Woods Market, <i>food</i>	151.35
A. D. Peters, <i>rent</i>	360.00
Almon W. Buxton, M.	121.00
Peters Gas & Oil Service	247.93
Thayer Hospital	235.00
Libby's Store, <i>food</i>	85.37
LaVerdiere's Drug Stores	238.60
Lawry Bros. Co., <i>ambulance</i>	12.00
Center's, <i>clothing</i>	24.15



R. H. Moody, O. D.	92.00
Des Super Market, <i>food</i>	5.00

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Total expended	\$ 1,599.57
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Bal. due from State	\$ 138.28
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*an Account Receivable*

## OTHER TOWN'S POOR

## RESOURCES—

Received from Howland	\$ 758.89
Received from Lowell	13.29
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	\$ 772.18

## Expenditures (on 5 cases) —

Ovid F. Pomerleau, M.D.	\$ 20.00
Center's	3.29
Charles Kent, Jr., <i>rent</i>	80.00
Peters Gas & Oil Service	94.70
Wood's Market, <i>food</i>	60.21
Libby's Store, <i>food</i>	93.10
LaVerdiere's Drug Stores	70.75
Seton Hospital	514.35
Edgar J. Smith, M.D.	7.00
Des Super Market, <i>food</i>	18.00

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Total expended	\$ 961.40
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Bal. due from	
Other Towns	\$ 189.22

*an Account Receivable*

## AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

## RESOURCES—

Amount appropriated	\$ 2,000.00
Expenditures — (on 7 cases)	\$ 1,385.64
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Balance unexpended	\$ 614.36

## SURPLUS FOOD PROGRAM

## RESOURCES—

Amount appropriated	\$	600.00
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## EXPENDITURES—

Fox & Ginn, Inc., <i>freight</i>	\$	396.97
Wilson Shores, <i>elec. allow.</i>		10.00
Wilson Shores, <i>for handling</i>		100.00
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Total expended	\$	506.97
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Balance unexpended	\$	93.03

## CARE OF CEMETERIES

## RESOURCES—

Amount appropriated	\$	500.00
Interest from Smiley fund		40.82
Interest from other funds		422.28
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	\$	963.10

## EXPENDITURES—

Aubert Richards, <i>labor</i>	\$	97.06
Ralph Crosby, <i>labor</i>		57.28
Cecil Strickland, <i>labor</i>		99.31
Emery Harrison, <i>labor</i>		54.21
Gary McKnight, <i>labor</i>		81.93
Carl Dixon, Jr., <i>labor</i>		81.28
John Eames, Jr., <i>labor</i>		9.57
Ronald Bickford, <i>labor</i>		4.35
Libby's Store, <i>supplies</i>		12.08
Albert Giroux, <i>labor</i>		16.07
Robert Lancaster, <i>labor</i>		16.07
Maurice M. Rowe, <i>labor</i>		36.72

Paul Spencer, <i>labor</i>	9.18	
Galusha's, <i>equipment</i>	388.00	
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Total expended	\$	963.11
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Amount overdrawn	\$	.01

## WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION

Amount appropriated	\$	200.00
Paid — Hermon Brown Agency		243.60
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Amount overdrawn	\$	43.60

## WHITE PINE BLISTER

## RESOURCES—

Amount appropriated	\$	400.00
From State Forestry Dept.		399.96
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	\$	799.96

## EXPENDITURES—

Charles Stapleford	\$	454.16
Kenneth W. Oliver		177.48
Wallace Moody		168.20
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	\$	799.84
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Balance unexpended	\$	.12

## SOCIAL SECURITY OR RETIREMENT

## RESOURCES—

Deductions from employees, as required	\$	280.22
<i>Transfer</i> from Surplus, cost to town		198.56
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	\$	478.78

## EXPENDITURES—

Maine State Retirement System	\$	389.61	
Refund adjustments		4.33	
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Balance carried	\$		84.84
(1st qtr. 1967 deductions)			

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING: total appropriation of \$300.  
paid to State Dept. Health & Welfare, for local services.

DUMP SITE (Clinton): total appropriation of \$500 paid  
to town of Clinton, for dump privileges.

MEMORIAL DAY: this appropriation of \$50 was divided  
between Benton V.F.W. and the Lawrence Band, \$25 to  
each.

SEWERAGE LAND SURVEY: this survey made by  
Frank M. Crane at a cost of \$144.00; this amount taken  
from Surplus, as voted.

KENNEBEC COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVA-  
TION DISTRICT: this appropriation of \$25.00 paid in  
full.

KENNEBEC MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC: this approp-  
riation of \$50.00 paid in full.

WITH-HOLDING TAXES: deductions from the White Pine  
Blister workers amounted to \$43.70 and was paid in full  
to Internal Revenue Service.



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND: this appropriation of \$2,000.00 was deposited in the Waterville Savings Bank. Interest earned and added amounted to \$35.83; bringing the total Fund to \$2,035.83 at year's end.

TAX ANTICIPATION LOANS were hired in amount of \$20,000.00 and repaid in full. Interest cost \$381.50 and was taken from Excise receipts, as voted.

TAX ABATEMENTS totaled \$573.40, *a loss*.

OVERLAY IN ASSESSING amounted to \$2,462.64, *a gain*.

SUPPLEMENTAL TAXES collected totaled \$99.00, *a gain*.

COUNTY TAX: appropriation of \$2,829.00 paid in full.

THE RALPH BYRON PILLSBURY III, MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Interest from this Fund amounted to \$36.13 and was awarded to Merle Fitzpatrick Jr. at graduation.

#### SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 49

##### RESOURCES—

Amount appropriated	\$ 51,082.26
<i>Transfer</i> from Surplus, as voted	10,000.00
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	\$ 61,082.26

##### EXPENDITURES—

Assessment for 1966, paid in full	\$ 61,082.26
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## EXCISE TAX ACCOUNT

Excise tax collections, this year \$ 20,124.58

*Paid from this, as voted —*

Interest on Tax loans	\$ 381.50	
Snow plowing & sanding	6,310.10	
Collector's fee	292.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 6,984.10

Balance unexpended \$ 13,140.48

## ANALYSIS OF UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS

Amount of SURPLUS, Feb. 11, 1966 *was* \$ 17,019.68

*Decreased (as voted) by:*

Fire Ramp, Benton Proper	\$ 11.31	
Repair of Bridges	145.93	
Tarring	568.79	
Repairs to Grader	200.00	
New Automatic Sander	860.00	
Sewerage Land Survey	144.00	
Social Security costs	198.56	
S.A.D. No. 49	10,000.00	
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		\$ 4,891.09

*Increased by:*

Sale of old Station school	\$ 2,100.00	
Supplemental Tax assessments	65.70	
NET GAIN for this year ( <i>page 33</i> )	17,123.82	
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SURPLUS, Feb. 11, 1967 \$ 24,180.61

# Summary of Expense Accounts - Showing Net Gain or Loss

Year ending February 10, 1967

	1966 Approp.	From Surplus or Excise	Other Receipts	Totals Available	Totals Expended	Losses & Overdrafts	Lapsed Gains & Unexpended Balances
GENERAL GOVERNMENT—							
Town Officers	\$ 3,600.00			\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,765.00	\$ 165.00	
Incidental Expenses	1,300.00		\$ 1,648.30	2,948.30	2,463.00		485.30
PROTECTION—							
Street Lights	1,900.00			1,900.00	1,893.48		6.52
Hydrant - Fire Protection	6,870.00			6,870.00	6,855.00		15.00
Dry Hydrant - Poulin's	500.00			500.00			500.00
Workman's Compensation	200.00			200.00	243.60	43.60	
Fire Ramp - Proper		s \$ 11.31		11.31	11.31		
HEALTH & SANITATION—							
Public Health; Nursing	300.00			300.00	300.00		
Dump Privilege	500.00			500.00	500.00		
ROADS & BRIDGES—							
Town Ways - Bushes	3,000.00		161.46	3,161.46	3,013.15		148.31
Snow Plowing - Sanding		e 6,310.10	1,723.80	8,033.90	8,033.90		
State Aid Construction	1,332.00		2,064.60	3,396.60	3,396.60		
Town Road Improvement			2,231.89	2,231.89	2,231.89		
Repair of Bridges		s 145.93		145.93	145.93		
Tarring	1,500.00	s 568.79		2,068.79	2,068.79		
Grader Repairs		s 200.00		200.00	225.38	25.38	
New Automatic Sander		s 860.00		860.00	860.00		

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WELFARE—				
Town Poor Relief	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,133.55	366.45
Aid to Dependent Children	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,385.64	614.36
Surplus Foods	600.00	600.00	506.97	93.03
CEMETERIES—				
Care of	500.00	463.10	963.11	.01
UNCLASSIFIED—				
Memorial Day	50.00	50.00	50.00	.12
White Pine Blister	400.00	399.96	799.96	
Sewerage Land Survey			144.00	
Kennebec Soil Conservation	25.00		25.00	
Kennebec Mental Health Assoc.	50.00		50.00	
Social Security		280.22	393.94	
Abatements			573.40	Carried (84.84)
Capitol Improvement Fund	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	573.40
Temporary Loans & Interest		20,381.50	20,381.50	
Excise Taxes		20,124.58	6,984.10	13,140.48
Supplemental Taxes		99.00	99.00	99.00
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS—				
School Admin Dist. No. 49	51,082.26	61,082.26	61,082.26	
County Tax	2,829.00	2,829.00	2,829.00	
Overlay	2,462.64	2,462.64		2,462.64
	<u>\$84,500.90</u>		<u>807.39</u>	<u>17,931.21</u>
				<u>—807.39</u>
			NET GAIN this year	
			\$17,123.82	



## *Comparative Financial Statement*

Year ending February 10, 1966

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	<i>Assets</i>	<i>Liabilities</i>
Cash on hand, in Treasury	\$ 6,252.60	
Uncollected tax, 1965	3,458.11	
Uncollected tax, 1964	133.90	
Uncollected tax, 1963	8.90	
Tax Liens, 1964	213.50	
Tax Liens, 1963	25.99	
Accounts Receivable:		
State poor	147.39	
State Aid Construction		
<i>(Deferred Charge)</i>	6,793.20	
Cemetery Trust Funds & Reserve	10,185.23	\$ 10,185.23
Held in Escrue, 1964 Tax Lien		13.91
Unappropriated Surplus		17,019.68
	<u>\$27,218.82</u>	<u>\$27,218.82</u>

## *Comparative Financial Statement*

Year ending February 10, 1967

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	<i>Assets</i>	<i>Liabilities</i>
Cash on hand, in Treasury	\$15,747.82	
Uncollected (tax, 1966	3,969.12	
Uncollected tax, 1965	18.44	
Uncollected tax, 1964	142.80	
Uncollected tax, 1963-62-61	32.60	
Tax Liens, 1965	581.37	
Tax Liens, 1964	77.35	
Tax Liens, 1963	11.80	
Accounts Receivable:		
State poor	138.28	
Other Town's poor	189.22	
State Aid Construction		
<i>(Deferred charge)</i>	3,396.60	
Cemetery Trust Funds & Reserve	10,688.23	10,688.23
Capital Improvement Fund & Reserve	2,035.83	2,035.83
Held in Escrue, 1964 Tax Lien		13.91
1967 Tax collected		26.04
Social Security		84.84
Unappropriated Surplus		24,180.61
	\$37,029.46	\$37,029.46

## *Cemetery Trust Funds*

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	Original Fund	2-10-67 Principal	Interest Earned in 1966
Rowe, William F.	\$ 200.00	\$ 263.62	\$ 10.62
Robinson, Hiram	50.00	68.08	2.74
Ames Lot	50.00	56.94	2.28
Bailey, William	100.00	108.90	4.38
Brown, George	100.00	111.47	4.48
Brown, Harriet	100.00	114.75	4.62
Crowell, Elizabeth	200.00	224.29	9.04
Dodge, H. W. & C. W. Plaisted	100.00	111.19	4.48
Foss, Cyrus	100.00	111.04	4.48
Fowler, John D.	100.00	109.87	4.42
Hanscom, Mrs. David	100.00	110.72	4.44
Kreger, Jennie Flood	200.00	235.30	9.50
Moore, Augusta	100.00	108.22	4.36
Piper, Clark	350.00	409.30	16.52
Flagg & Lunt Lots	200.00	219.43	8.84
Reed, Isaac	100.00	108.90	4.38
Reed, David	100.00	120.64	4.86
Richardson, Lydia Heald & Dean	100.00	108.22	4.36
Spencer, Charles & Alberta	100.00	108.22	4.36
Holt, Sprague	200.00	230.52	9.30
Gray, Sumner	200.00	223.16	9.00
Tarbell, G. F.	100.00	108.61	4.36
Skillin, Annie C.	150.00	169.96	6.84
Hosford, John	200.00	233.88	9.42
Crosby, Charles F.	100.00	110.50	4.44
Seavey, Charles	200.00	278.10	11.22
Richardson, A. H.	200.00	223.77	9.02
Paul, Roswell N.	200.00	231.92	9.34
Flagg, Stillman	200.00	231.90	9.34
Denico, Bert & Annie	100.00	112.41	4.52
Wort, Joseph	150.00	175.10	7.06
Paul, William	100.00	109.28	4.40
Sawyer, Fred	100.00	129.08	5.20
Spencer, Timothy	200.00	236.64	9.54
Piper, Henry & Abigale	200.00	225.56	9.10
Reed, John & Elizabeth	300.00	362.79	14.64
Pollard, James P.	100.00	122.15	4.92
Mason, Abraham & Amos	100.00	108.83	4.36
Brown, Jacob & Laura	200.00	222.78	8.98
Shorey, George A.	100.00	107.52	4.32
Piper, Joseph & Erastus	300.00	339.24	13.70
Piper, Charles & Oscar	300.00	339.24	13.70
Swett-Knowlton Lot	300.00	345.63	13.94

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Richards, Ernest G.	200.00	227.55	9.18
Abbott, Scruton & Marshall	200.00	225.55	9.10
Fernald, Charles	100.00	106.64	4.28
Faas, John & Ethel	200.00	229.02	9.95
Seeley, Ralph & Eva	200.00	228.67	9.91
Bunker, Charles W.	200.00	218.37	9.48
Crosby, James	100.00	107.11	4.64
Black, Herman	200.00	218.13	9.46
Tejedor Fund	200.00	218.38	9.48
Shores, Lendell & Maxine	100.00	106.85	4.62
Norton, Norman	100.00	107.52	4.64
Richardson, Charles & Bertha	200.00	203.60	6.26
Thompson, Ruth	100.00	103.17	4.47
Shores, Douglas & Thelma	200.00	200.72	8.71
Libby, Edwin F.	200.00	200.00	4.30
Fish, George M.	200.00	200.00	
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	\$9,450.00	\$10,688.95	\$422.28
New Funds During 1966 (2)		\$400.00	
Old Fund Added To		100.00	
Interest Withdrawn For Care of Cemeteries for 1966 — \$422.28.			



## *Public Health Nursing*

### IN BENTON IN THE YEAR 1966

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Your public health nurse, a member of the staff of the Division of Public Health Nursing, provided the public health nursing in the Town of Benton. Table 1 presents selected nursing activities and the number of times each was rendered.

TABLE 1

Nursing Activity	Times Rendered
Home Visits	118
Conference-Official/Health Committee	64
Child Health Conference	7
Immunization Clinic	3

Table 2 presents the number of children who completed immunization offered by the type of immunizations available.

TABLE 2

Type of Immunization	Number of Children Immunized
Smallpox	41
Diphtheria	98
Whooping Cough	34
Tetanus	98
Poliomyelitis	24
Measles	64

The medical examination of pupils in grades one, four, and eight were given by the school physician, Russell

Bridges, D.O. Urine tests for the detection of albumin and sugar were done by a trained volunteer under the supervision of the public health nurse. A total of 107 pupils were examined. Your public health nurse visited the parents of the children who needed further medical care as recommended by the school physician.

Individual hearing tests with the Puretone audiometer were conducted with pupils by a trained volunteer under the supervision of the public health nurse. A total of 260 tests were given. The public health nurse retested those who showed an apparent hearing difficulty and parents were visited to plan for further evaluation.

Your public health nurse assisted with the tuberculin skin testing program in grades one and seven. The tests were administered and read by Russell Bridges, D.O. A total of sixty-three tests were given.

School registration for all children entering school in the fall was held in April. Your public health nurse participated in interviewing the parents to obtain health history on each child, which the public health nurse recorded on the child's school health record. A total of twenty-five children registered.

The public health nurse extends her sincere appreciation to the volunteers in Benton who gave time and service during the health activities.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY C. MORTON, R. N.

*Public Health Nurse*

## *Town Clerk's Report*

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There were 27 births and 18 marriages recorded in Benton for the year of 1966. It is with regret that the following deaths are listed:

Jennie Mulhern	1 - 10 - 66	Brown Cemetery
Susie Robinson	1 - 28 - 66	Ames Cemetery
Mary Walker	3 - 30 - 66	Brown Cemetery
Ralph Pillsbury	4 - 10 - 66	Waterville, Me.
C. Frank Stewart	5 - 3 - 66	Jamaica Plain, Mass.
Clifford Wort	5 - 6 - 66	Tozier Cemetery
Everett Baker	7 - 23 - 66	Albion, Me.
Manzer Doody	8 - 21 - 66	Fairfield, Me.
Raymond Snow	9 - 15 - 66	Fairfield, Me.
Jesse Holt	9 - 19 - 66	Clinton, Me.
Charles McClain	10 - 4 - 66	Waterville, Me.
Brenda Sargent	12 - 5 - 66	Frye, Me.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY HUNTER,

*Town Clerk*

## *Registrar's Report*

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The year of 1966 was a busy one for the Registrar of Voters with the voting lists compiled six times for the following elections:

Special Town Meeting	Feb. 7, 1966
Referendum	Feb. 21, 1966
Town Meeting	March 12, 1966

Primaries	June 20, 1966
Special Town Meeting	Sept. 12, 1966
State Election	Nov. 8, 1966

In the November report sent to the Secretary of State there were 835 voters registered in Benton, 424 men and 411 women.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY HUNTER,

*Registrar*

## *Cemetery Committee Report*

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The cemeteries in Benton were cleaned and raked under the direction of Mr. Cecil Strickland.

A power mower has been purchased for use in the cemeteries and the committee has many improvements in mind for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY MARTIN, *Chairman*



## *Audit Report*

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STATE OF MAINE  
DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330

May 13, 1966

Board of Selectmen

Benton,

Maine

In accordance with Title 30, Section 5253, Maine Revised Statutes Annotated of 1964, an audit has been conducted of the financial records of the Town of Benton for the fiscal year ended February 10, 1966.

The examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as were considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the exhibits and schedules incorporated in this report, present fairly the financial position of the operations on the Town at February 10, 1966, and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

Respectfully submitted,

ARMANDT G. SANSONCY, *State Auditor*

## C O M M E N T S

## TOWN OF BENTON

FEBRUARY 11, 1965 TO FEBRUARY 10, 1966

An audit of the financial records of the Town of Benton has been completed for the fiscal year ended February 10, 1966. The audit consisted of an examination of the records maintained by the Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector and other municipal officials.

The operations for the year showed that the net unexpended departmental balance lapsed amounted to \$14,016.39, per the following summary:

Departmental Operations:	
Unexpended Balances	\$15,105.19
Overdrafts	1,088.80
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Net Unexpended Balance	\$14,016.39
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The unexpended balance in the excise tax account was the principal factor contributing to the amount lapsed to surplus.

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The following comments pertain to the accompanying financial statements and to the scope of audit. !

ASSETS . . . The cash balance of \$6,252.60 was on deposit in the Depositors Trust Company, Fairfield, Maine.

Accounts receivable of \$147.39 represented reimbursable expenditures made for State welfare cases.

Taxes receivable totaling \$3,600.91 consisted for the most part of current year accounts of \$3,458.11. The remaining balance of \$142.80 was for unpaid 1963 and 1964 accounts. The liens amounted to \$239.49.

Deferred appropriations for State aid road construction amounted to \$6,793.20. It is anticipated that this amount will be received from the State and Town appropriations during the 1966 and 1967 years.

LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND SURPLUS . . . The unappropriated surplus amounted to \$17,019.68, an increase of \$3,529.57 for the year. The change was occasioned by the net unexpended departmental balance lapsed, less transfers to various operating accounts.

TRUST FUNDS . . . Trust fund principals totaled \$8,950.00 and unexpended income amounted to \$1,238.23. These funds are invested in local bank time deposits.

GENERAL . . . The townspeople authorized transfers from unappropriated surplus and the use of excise tax revenue to supplement the tax levy for specific current operations.

Inasmuch as the townspeople voted during the year to join School Administrative District No. 49 all assets and liabilities pertaining to educational accounts were assumed by the D istrict.

#### SCOPE OF AUDIT

The system of financial control was reviewed as pertained to the handling of cash and other matters of financial concern. Count of cash was made at audit date. Records were checked to determine the accuracy of recorded cash transactions.

The cash account was verified by reconciliation of statements furnished by the depository. Verifications were utilized, on a selective basis, to determine the correctness of recorded assets and liabilities.

An analysis was made of receipts and deposits as well as expenditures and negotiated checks. Vouchers, payrolls an canceled checks were examined for a selected period. Excise tax collections were checked with the copies of receipts retained by the collector.

Trust fund transactions were reviewed and investments verified. Surety bond coverage was reviewed. The town clerk's records as pertained to financial administration were checked.

## EXHIBIT A

TOWN OF BENTON  
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET  
GENERAL FUND

## ASSETS

	February 10, 1966	February 10, 1965
Cash in Bank	\$ 6,252.60	\$ 6,801.97
Accounts Receivable	147.39	366.89
Taxes Receivable	3,600.91	6,628.94
Tax Liens	239.49	510.60
Deferred Appropriation —		
State Aid Road — 1966	\$ 3,396.60	
State Aid Road — 1967	3,396.60	
	<u>6,793.20</u>	
TOTAL	<u>\$17,033.59</u>	<u>\$14,308.40</u>

## DEBT FUND

## ASSETS

Amount Necessary to Retire Debt From Future Revenue	<u>\$15,000.00</u>
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## TRUST FUND

## ASSETS

Time Deposits	<u>\$10,188.23</u>	<u>\$ 9,499.54</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$10,188.23</u>	<u>\$ 9,499.54</u>



TOWN OF BENTON  
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET  
GENERAL FUND

LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND SURPLUS

	February 10, 1966	February 10, 1965
Liabilities:		
Withholding Taxes		\$ 532.20
Reserves:		
Departmental Balances		
Carried (Exhibit D)		286.09
Tax Lien Escrow Account	\$ 13.91	
Surplus:		
Unappropriated (Exhibit C)	17,019.68	13,490.11
TOTAL	<u>\$17,033.59</u>	<u>\$14,308.40</u>

DEBT FUND

LIABILITIES

Bonds Payable	<u>\$15,000.00</u>
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TRUST FUND

LIABILITIES

Principals	\$ 8,950.00	\$ 8,650.00
Unexpended Income	1,238.23	849.54
TOTAL	<u>\$10,188.23</u>	<u>\$ 9,499.54</u>

## *Town Warrant*

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To Sherwin Colson, a constable of the town of Benton, in the County of Kennebec and State of Maine; Greetings:

In the name of the state of Maine you are required to notify and warn the voters of said town of Benton, qualified by law to vote in the town affairs, to meet at the Grange Hall in said town on the 11th day of March A.D. 1967, at 8 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following Articles: to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To elect all town officers to be elected by written ballot as directed in Section 38 to 52 inclusive, of Chapter 5 of the Revised Statutes of 1930, together with acts additional thereto and amendatory thereof, provisions of which were adopted by vote of the town, Article 8, at the regular town meeting held at Benton Grange Hall on the 9th day of March A.D. 1936.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the voters of the town will authorize the selectmen in behalf of the town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit claim deeds for such property.

Budget committee recommends: Yes

ARTICLE 4. To see if the voters of the town will vote to charge interest on taxes remaining unpaid after a certain date; also, to set a date and rate of interest.

Budget committee recommends: Dec. 1st, and 5%

ARTICLE 5. To see what salary the voters of the town will vote to pay the selectmen for their services for the ensuing year.

Budget committee recommends: \$1,000.00 for 1st., \$400.00 for 2nd, \$300.00 for 3rd., and 10c per mile car expense.

ARTICLE 6. To see what salary the voters of the town will vote to pay the collector and treasurer for his services as town officer for the ensuing year.

Budget committee recommends: \$1,400.00 plus 25c per excise certificate.

ARTICLE 7. To see what salary the voters of the town will vote to pay the road commissioner for his services as town officer for the ensuing year.

Budget committee recommends: by hourly rate, same as the State.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the voters of the town will vote to have the road commissioner appointed by the selectmen instead of elected by secret ballot.

ARTICLE 9. To see what salary the voters of the town will vote to pay the town clerk for her services as Clerk and Registrar for the ensuing year.

Budget committee recommends: \$200.00 as Clerk, plus \$50 as Registrar.

ARTICLE 10. To see what sum of money the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay the town officers for the ensuing year.

Budget committee recommends: \$3,750.00

ARTICLE 11. To see what rate of wages the voters of the town will vote to pay for labor performed on the high-

ways and bridges, by men, trucks, and equipment for the ensuing year.

Budget committee recommends: same as the State

ARTICLE 12. To see what sum of money the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate to honor the graves of all war veterans buried in the town of Benton.

Budget committee recommends: \$50.00; to be divided between the Benton V.F.W. and the Lawrence High School Band, \$25.00 to each.

ARTICLE 13. To see what sum of money the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay for the care of cemeteries, under the direction of the Cemetery Committee for the ensuing year.

Budget committee recommends: \$800.00

ARTICLE 14. To see what sum of money the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate under the Workman's Compensation Act.

Budget committee recommends: \$200.00

ARTICLE 15. To see if the voters of the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to make changes in the street lighting on the road leading from the Elementary School to the corner by the Station Post Office; this would be changing from the present lights to the newer type, and would effect six changes.

Budget committee recommends: Yes

ARTICLE 16. To see if the voters of the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to have two new street lights installed; one on Kennebec Drive and one on Oak Hill, so-called.

ARTICLE 17. To see what sum of money the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate for street lights for the ensuing year.



Budget committee recommends: \$2,000.00; with any additional expense for the blinker light to be taken from Surplus.

ARTICLE 18. To see what sum of money the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the incidental expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

Budget committee recommends: \$1,300.00; with any additional amount needed to be taken from Surplus.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,420.00 to pay for hydrant rental at Benton Station and for fire protection for the ensuing year.

Budget committee recommends: Yes

ARTICLE 20. To see if the voters of the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to keep the fire ramp at Benton Proper maintained in useable condition; any expense to be taken from Surplus.

Budget committee recommends: Yes

ARTICLE 21. To see if the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$300.00 for public health nursing services in Benton. Said sum to be expended by the Maine Department of Health & Welfare, Bureau of Health, for local services.

Budget committee recommends: Yes

ARTICLE 22. To see whether or not the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 to be paid to the State of Maine Publicity Bureau, to be expended and used for advertising the natural resources, advantages, and attractions of the State of Maine, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 91, Section 108, of the Revised Statutes of 1954.

Budget committee recommends: Pass over the article.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the voters of the town will authorize the selectmen to hire the shade trees in Benton sprayed or pruned for the control of disease, should a check by a tree expert show it to be advisable; any cost to be taken from the Surplus account.

Budget committee recommends: Yes

ARTICLE 24. To see what sum of money the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the privilege of using the dump site in Clinton for the ensuing year.

Budget committee recommends: \$600.00

ARTICLE 25. To see what sum of money the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate to carry on the surplus foods program for the ensuing year.

Budget committee recommends: \$600.00; with \$500.00 of this for costs, \$100.00 for the handling, and with any additional amount needed to be taken from Surplus.

ARTICLE 26. To see what sum of money the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Aid to Dependent Children for the ensuing year.

Budget committee recommends: \$1,500.00

ARTICLE 27. To see what sum of money the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of poor for the ensuing year.

Budget committee recommends: \$1,500.00

ARTICLE 28. To see if the voters of the town will vote to appropriate a specified sum from the unappropriated Surplus account toward Benton's assessment of \$78,797.17 for the year 1967 from School Administrative District No. 49.

Budget committee recommends: \$18,000.00 to be taken from Surplus.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the voters of the town will vote to transport Benton pupils attending private schools within the bounds of S.A.D No. 49.

Budget committee recommends: Yes

ARTICLE 30. To see if the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate a specified sum of money to be expended for control of White Pine Blister in the town of Benton.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate a specified sum of money to be expended for control of Dutch Elm Disease in the town of Benton.

Budget committee recommends: Pass over the article.

ARTICLE 32. To see what sum of money the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate for repairing bridges for the ensuing year.

Budget committee recommends: not over \$200.00, to be taken from Surplus if needed.

ARTICLE 33. To see what sum of money the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate for State Aid road construction (in addition to the amount regularly raised for the care of ways, highways, and bridges) under the provisions of Section 25 and 29, R.S. 1944 as amended.

Budget committee recommends: \$1,464.00

ARTICLE 34. To see if the voters of the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to make temporary notes in the amount of \$3,440.00 in anticipation of State Aid construction money due in 1968; this money to be used for State Aid construction work on the Gogan road, so-called, in 1967. These notes to be paid as money is made available under this account by July 10, 1968.

Budget committee recommends: Yes

ARTICLE 35. To see what sum of money the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate for repairing the town highways, the school bus turn-arounds, grader repairs and insurance, and cutting bushes for the ensuing year.

Budget committee recommends: \$3,000.00; with \$200.00 of this to be expended on the road leading in to the Glenn Bickford residence at Benton Proper.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate a specified sum of money to be expended for tarring in the ensuing year.

Budget committee recommends: \$1,500.00; with an additional \$1,000.00 to be taken from Surplus. Also that special attention be given to Lawrence Street, Fowler Street, and Kennebec Drive.

ARTICLE 37. To see if the voters of the town will vote to pay the interest on any temporary loans, and the collector's excise fees from the Excise tax receipts for the ensuing year.

Budget committee recommends: Yes

ARTICLE 38. To see if the voters of the town will vote to pay the towns portion of the expense of snow plowing and sanding, insurance, and equipment repairs, from the Excise tax receipts for the ensuing year.

Budget committee recommends: Yes

ARTICLE 39. To see what sum of money, if any, the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Civil Defense for the ensuing year.

Budget committee recommends: Amount needed be taken from Surplus.



ARTICLE 40. To see if the voters of the town will vote to accept any Trust funds presented for the perpetual care of cemetery lots.

Budget committee recommends: Yes

ARTICLE 41. To see if the voters of the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to purchase additional land for expansion of the Ames Cemetery, so-called; any expense to be taken from Surplus.

Budget committee recommends: Yes

ARTICLE 42. To see if the voters of the town will vote to retain the members serving on the Sewerage Committee this past year, for the ensuing year.

Budget committee recommends: Yes

ARTICLE 43. To see if the town will vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$500.00 from the unappropriated Surplus account for the acquisition of a parcel of land, by purchase, or through the legal process of eminent domain, to be used in providing sanitary sewage facilities to the town of Benton.

Budget committee recommends: Yes

ARTICLE 44. To see if the town will vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$250.00 to authorize the selectmen and sewer committee to do needed preliminary work to determine the financial feasibility of providing sewage treatment facilities for the town of Benton.

Budget committee recommends: Yes

ARTICLE 45. To see if the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate a specified sum of money to be added to the Capitol Improvement fund which was started in 1966.

Budget committee recommends: \$2,000.00



ARTICLE 46. To see if the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 toward the work of the Kennebec Soil Conservation Association.

Budget committee recommends: \$25.00

ARTICLE 47. To see if the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$319.00 toward the support of the work of the Kennebec Mental Health Clinic.

Budget committee recommends: \$50.00

ARTICLE 48. To see if the voters of the town will vote to accept a deed for an additional 750 feet of new street extension to Kennebec Drive, easterly.

ARTICLE 49. To see if the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate a specified sum to cover social security on employees for the ensuing year.

Budget committee recommends: \$250.00

ARTICLE 50. To see if the town will vote to publish in the annual town report the valuation and tax assessed thereon of all properties in the town.

ARTICLE 51. To see if the voters of the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to have street signs erected in the town, beginning in the Station area; and to raise and appropriate money for the same.

Budget committee recommends: \$400.00

ARTICLE 52. To see if the town will vote (a) to enter into a street lighting contract with Central Maine Power Company for a term of not less than ten (10) years covering the Town's existing street lighting system and such additional installations as may be installed in accordance with the provisions of the contract; the Town to pay to Central Maine Power Company for the street lighting service furnished

and delivered to it under the provisions of the contract the sums prescribed by the Company's applicable rate schedule, which in no event shall be less than 90% of the maximum amount of the Company's monthly billing to the Town for the street lighting service contracted for under the Company's applicable rate schedule during any previous twelve months' period expiring on the anniversary date of the contract, and (b) to authorize the Selectmen or the Town Manager to execute and deliver to Central Maine Power Company said street lighting contract.

ARTICLE 53. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of the M.R.S., Title 30, Section 4952, and authorize and direct the board of selectmen to appoint members to a Town Planning Board.

Budget committee recommends: 3 members

ARTICLE 54. To see if the voters of the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$270.00 for municipal planning.

ARTICLE 55. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of the M.R.S., Title 30, Section 4502, and authorize and direct the board of selectmen to appoint representatives to the Regional Planning Commission.

ARTICLE 56. To see if the voters of the town will vote to prohibit the parking of cars along the streets and highways in Benton, between the hours of midnight to six o'clock in the morning, for the period from November 1st through April 1st; and also to vote that cars so parked as to interfere with snow plowing and sanding shall be hauled away at owner's expense.

Budget committee recommends: Yes

ARTICLE 57. To see whether or not the voters of the town will vote to furnish a culvert for each new home constructed along the State and Town highways within the town.

ARTICLE 58. To see whether or not the voters of the town wish to do anything in regards to the fact that the town of Benton is in its 125th year. Benton was incorporated as a town on March 16, 1842.

ARTICLE 59. To see if the voters of the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to take any overdrafts incurred in the ensuing year from the Surplus account.

ARTICLE 60. To see if the voters of the town will vote to close the northerly part of Pleasant Street to through traffic; that portion cutting through the Warren Bros. property to the Kennebec River Road.

ARTICLE 61. To see what sum of money the voters of the town will vote to pay the moderator for his services at this meeting.

Budget committee recommends: \$10.00

The polls will open at 8:00 a.m. and continue open until 5:00 p.m. when they will be closed. The business session opens at 10:00 a.m.

Notice is hereby given that the Registrar will be available at the Grange Hall on Saturday, March 11th, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., for any revision of the list of voters.

Given under our hands this 1st day of March A.D. 1967.

WILSON H. SHORES

SAMUEL H. HUNTER

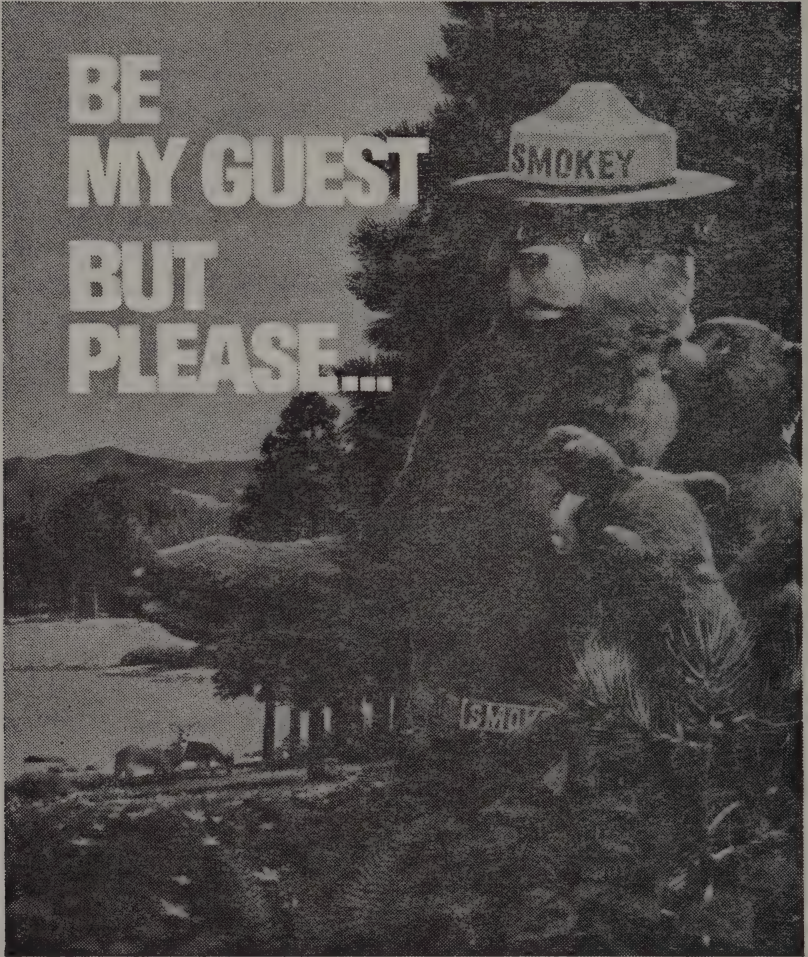
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*Selectmen of Benton*



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